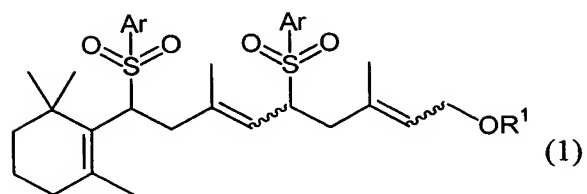


Abstract

There are disclosed a disulfone compound of formula

(1) :



wherein Ar denotes an aryl group that may have a substituent,
R₁ denotes a hydrogen atom or a protective group of a hydroxyl
group and the wavy line means that the disulfone compound is an
E or Z geometrical isomer or a mixture thereof,

a method for producing the same,

intermediate compounds therefore and

a process for producing retinol through the disulfone
compound.